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DESTRUCTION OF KOW SHING

Strange Story of the Battle Related by Colonel Von Hannekin.

CHINESE SHOT SWIMMING MEN

The New Version of the Much-Talked-Of Engagement Throws Additional Light That Places the Chinese in a More Unfavorable Position—The Mongolians Desired That All Should Perish in the Water—Affidavits of Captain Galsworthy Made Under Compulsion.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 6. COLONEL VON HANNEKIN has forwarded the following statement, at the request of the Indo-China company: The Japanese cruiser Naniwa, during the morning of July 25, ordered the Kow Shing to anchor. She obeyed and then some Japanese officers boarded her and examined the ship's papers. They were quite satisfied that she was a British steamer, they ordered the Kow Shing to follow the Naniwa to Japan. Captain Galsworthy, of the Kow Shing, declined on the ground that the Chinese troops on board the transport would not permit him to do so. The captain then asked permission to return direct to Taku, from which port he had cleared in time of peace. The Japanese did not reply and hoisted a signal notifying us to leave the steamer immediately. Captain Galsworthy also declined to do this, as the Chinese troops would not permit him. Then the Naniwa, without any further warning, discharged a torpedo at us and the Kow Shing sank about thirty minutes after the torpedo exploded at her side.

While swimming I saw a Japanese boat lowered, heavily armed, which fired into the Kow Shing. The Chinese fired their rifle at the Naniwa, at the swimming men, and also at their own countrymen on board, with the view that all should perish together.

SHOWN UNDER COMPULSION.

It is believed here that the affidavits made by Captain Galsworthy and Chief Officer Temple, of the Kow Shing, were signed under compulsion. Captain Galsworthy and his companion were taken from Chungking to Szechuan on July 25 and released on Aug. 4. Quartermaster Evangelista is still in the hospital at Szechuan, suffering from the wounds which he received during the engagement. Denmark has demanded the release of Herr Maassen, a passenger on the dispatch boat Tiao King, which was captured by the Japanese on July 25.

While the Japanese minister, accompanied by his wife and the Japanese consul, were leaving Tien Tsin, on Aug. 3, they were attacked by a crowd of Chinese soldiers, who seized their baggage and threatened them with personal violence, but the viceroys, Li Hung Chang, quickly sent a force of troops to the scene and suppressed the riot.

LI HUNG CHANG'S JACKET.

COTTON CITY, Mass., Aug. 6.—Mr. S. T. Gracy, who was recently United States consul at Foo Chow, China, says of the Li Hung Chang yellow jacket incident: "Li Hung Chang's degradation may mean much or it may mean nothing, and it is more than probable that it is the latter. It is not necessarily a mark of defiance or any real disrespect."

"If he has been deprived of his yellow robe or button, it was probably suggested and recommended by his Excellency Li himself, because he allowed the war with Japan to come on, or because he did not have a great number of troops massed on the borders of Korea sufficient to prevent any invading force from entering the peninsula occupied by the 'Hermit Nation'; he should have been wise enough to have foreseen what was coming, and to have prepared for it. This would seem very strange to the west, but not so to the Chinese."

"The emperor is regarded as the son of Heaven, and is worshipped accordingly, and being such a great being he and all who are associated with him should have precedence sufficient to forewarn and prepare for any calamity, and consequently their self-assumed respect and disgrace if the unknownable is not known by them, and the unpreventable, even, is not prevented."

"I have known his Excellency Li to take the blame to himself in public proclamations because there had occurred a great flood in the Yellow river district, and request the emperor to punish him accordingly. This is a common method of showing an assumed humility when famine or pestilence or flood visits the land."

"If the degradation of his excellency Li means anything as showing real disapproval on the part of the board of war, who would advise the emperor in such cases, it may be the worst piece of business they have engaged in for many a day. Viceroy Li is a Chinaman, and has long been regarded as the one man in the empire who, if he had the mind to do so, could consolidate Chinese opposition to the present Tartar government and overthrow the dynasty. He has been exiled and flattered by the government for many years, and feared by them as well, and if made angry by personal insult would at this juncture lead a successful revolt. But that this is merely 'look see piglin' appears from the accompanying statement that larger powers and an immensely increased army are placed at his disposal and direction. This is probably one of the strange phases of Chinese customs."

FIGHT AT A THEATER.

A Fought Battle for Possession of a Chicago Playhouse.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—There was a lively encounter on Saturday night in the Windsor theater, on North Clark street, between Pinkerton custodians,

stage hands, and a force of professional fighters hired for the occasion by M. B. Leavitt, who has been the lessee of the place of amusement for the last five years. Frank J. Stern, who became the owner of the building three years ago, made a new lease with Leavitt, the latter claims, but afterwards entered into a more profitable contract for the use of the theatre. Leavitt refused to surrender possession and obtained an injunction, which was dissolved last Friday, and seven Pinkerton men took possession on behalf of the owner. By advice of his lawyer Leavitt hired sixteen men to make a raid on the house. They broke in at the rear entrance and surprised the watchman. A free for all fight ensued, in which the Pinkerton men got the worst of it. Sledges, flats and revolvers were used, and George Livingston, one of the attacking party, had his leg broken by a blow from a sledge. The police were called to the scene but no arrests were made.

BOOM FOR SOCKLESS JERRY.

Democrats of Hutchinson, Kansas, Make No Nomination for Congress.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Aug. 6.—The Democratic convention for the Seventy-first district met here today and decided to make no nomination.

This is a quiet endorsement of Jerry Simpson, the Populist nominee and present congressman.

YEAR OF BLANKS.

First Annual Milestone of the Fifty-third Congress Is Passed at Yesterday's Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 6.—There was a pretty long and interesting discussion in the senate today over Mr. Chandler's resolution for an inquiry into the history of the Dominion Coal company of Nova Scotia, and over Mr. Mills' amendment to it, proposing to extend the inquiry to coal and transportation companies in the United States, that might be affected by the Canadian competition, and as to whether the members of congress officers of the government held a pecuniary interest in those companies.

At the close of the morning hour, the matter went over without action. The remainder of the day's session was occupied in the discussion of the anti-anarchist bill, which was finally passed and sent to conference committee.

The first year of the active existence of the Fifty-third congress closed with the session of today. There was nothing in the proceedings of the house, however, to indicate the fact. Most of the day was spent in discussing the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill. The conference made good together upon every item except the one relating to the ratification of the treaties with the Sisseton, Yankton, Sioux and Nez Perce Indians for the cession of portions of their respective reservations. Without concisive action, however, the house adjourned.

Mr. Johnson (Dem.) presented the memorial of the Central Labor union of Cleveland, preferring charges against Augustus J. Ricks, judge of the United States court for the Northern district of Ohio, and demanding an impeachment thereon.

Charges are that he collected and illegally retained for his personal use and benefit several hundred dollars of fees which had accrued while he was acting clerk of the court over which he now presides. The charges were read in full and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

BYRNES IN WAR PAINT.

Charges Are Preferred Against the New York Politician.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Police Superintendent Byrnes today preferred charges against Captain William S. Devery, of the Old Slip station, and Detective Edward Gleason, of his command.

The charges are for conduct injurious to the public peace and welfare, neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming officers. The charges were approved by President Martin and the trials were set for Thursday.

TICKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Packing house employees of Kansas city are organizing a general labor union.

Great deposits of asphalt have been discovered in the state of Vera Cruz, Mex.

Chicago lumber dealers whose yards were recently burned, suspect incendiaries.

Because he lost \$120, F. A. Podszack, a "drummer," shot himself at a Chicago hotel.

By a slip that discharged his gun, Frederick Hess shot dead Jessie J. Ballard, at Kingston, N. Y.

Mrs. Lehigh Stanford asks the government to pay a friendly suit to decide its \$15,000,000 claim.

While stealing a train ride, Paul Inerski and Adolf Schuster, of Blackinton, Mass., were cut to pieces.

The Negro National Democratic League appeals to colored voters of Alabama to vote the Democratic ticket.

In the agony of disappointed love, beautiful Mary West, aged 17, of Wynm's, Ala., threw herself before a train.

In a fierce battle for a girl, love Michael Kost, aged 21, of Brooklyn, was fatally stabbed by Andrew Vainella.

Investigation at Cleveland of the records of Judge Ricks, as court clerk, is postponed to allow the judge to be present.

Durrie, a quarrel at Sanford, N. C., Theodore McVee, colored and aged 13, fatally stabbed Edgar Hart, a white boy.

The flight of Frank Hall, sexton of a New Britain (Conn.) church, is probably due to threats from liquor law violators.

The sudden disappearance of J. R. Brown, a wealthy lumberman of Stamps, Ark., is believed to be a broken fool play.

Because his shortage in accounts was discovered, E. J. Sumnerwell, city clerk of Mobile, took a fatal dose of laudanum.

In a fit of despondency, Raymond Lieberman, of Danbury, Conn., who is the father of twenty-nine children, hanged himself.

After thirty-four years' absence, Robert Britting, an ex-Confederate, rejoined his impoverished parents at Leavenworth, Ind.

To evade a new law, the Lowell (Mass.) mills pay their weavers by the number of pounds of cloth woven, instead of by the cut.

As the result of an old grudge, S. D. Barrett, of San Jacinto county, Tex., shot dead Overseer D. M. Saunders and his son.

BIG BLAZE ON BALL GROUNDS

Philadelphia's Bleachers and Grand Stand Reduced to Ashes.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6. A CIGARETTE tossed away by a small boy in the pavilion on the Philadelphia ball ground at Broad and Huntington streets this morning started a fire that completely destroyed the grand stand and bleachers and wrecked and ruined the ground for further play this year. The flames spread across to the adjoining stands of the Omnibus company, general, eating them. Some eight or nine small houses in the vicinity and the roof of the Philadelphia Traction company's stables were also damaged before the fire was extinguished. The total loss is estimated at about \$100,000, with nearly a complete insurance.

About 10:30 this morning the members of the Philadelphia Ball club were practicing on the ground and they had an interesting audience of small urchins, who had crawled into the grand stand. One of these boys threw a lighted cigarette under a seat in the middle of the pavilion and it probably ignited some rubbish that set fire to the woodwork. The flames had made some progress before they were noticed and several ineffectual attempts on the players' part to extinguish them. An alarm was turned in for the engines.

The blazing on of July and a lack of rain had made the woodwork in the stand as dry as tinder and fanned by a good breeze the flames were soon in complete possession of the entire pavilion.

GENERAL ALARM SOUNDED.

They leaped across fifteenth street in a solid volume and fairly blanketed the roof of the Omnibus company's stables. The flames were unable to cope with the flames the firemen turned in a second, third and fourth alarm in quick succession and all the available engines in the city responded. Despite every effort the grand stand of the ball club was burned to the ground and the right and left field bleachers with it. After the fall of the grand stand the flames subsided and the firemen succeeded in preventing the entire destruction of the stables of the Omnibus company. The roof of the Traction company's car house was slightly damaged by the flames and some small residences on Fifteenth street and Huntington street facing the ball park, were also scorched by the flames.

In the stables of the Omnibus company were several hundred horses at the time the fire broke out and a number of busses, but all the animals and vehicles were gotten out in safety.

GRAND STAND DESTROYED.

The grand stand and bleachers of the Philadelphia Ball club cost about \$100,000 and they are completely destroyed, but as the expensive foundations of the pavilion were not injured the loss to the Messrs. Rogers and Beach will not exceed \$80,000. It is they have an insurance of \$70,000. The damage to the "bus" company's stables was \$40,000, which was fully covered by insurance. The rest of the damage will probably not exceed \$25,000, and this is scattered in some ten or twelve properties, all of which are insured.

The Philadelphia club left tonight for Boston and are to play here on Saturday with the Washington club. Their season ends on the home grounds on Sept. 8, and as the damage to their park is repaired within that time, the club will use the grounds of the University of Pennsylvania at Thirty-fourth and Woodland avenues for the rest of the games here, as will also the Philadelphia State league team.

RECORD BROKEN.

New Race for the World's Turf Fers Is Established at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 6.—A new world record was made at the Buffalo Driving park this afternoon. It occurred in the 2-year-old pacing class. Directly and Carbonate went at each other with a do or die determination. It was a battle won from wire to wire, and when it was finished a world's record was established. Directly, the son of a champion, won and in 2:12. The best previous record was made by the filly Lena Hill in 2:12. Alar had no difficulty in winning the 2:23 trot and captured it in three straight heats.

J. M. D. finally won the 2:17 trot after losing the first two heats. The 2:30 pace finished the race racing of the city and three horses each had two heats. Ella Elly, Daisy Despain and Rosco, composed the trio. In the fourth heat, Daisy went the route in 2:12, a remarkable performance for a green pacer and one that gives promise of future greatness. About 4,000 people saw the day's racing.

VIGILANT WINS.

Spitted Yacht Race in Which the Yankee Shipper Is Victorious.

COWES, Isle of Wight, today's race the Vigilant and Britannia clung to each other the first half of the course with a persistence which indicated that each skipper was fearful that the other might get a favorable start that would send him ahead. Among the maximum of Captain Hall's crew, one of the Yankee skippers followed; that is, never split ticks or break company with the boat you think you can beat. The Britannia could not get away from the center boarder. The Britannia ran into the shoal water off Ventnor and struck twice. The Vigilant stuck to her.

Chief Dispar shouted: "If you keep on this course we will go ashore." Mr. Leeling, who had charge of the Vigilant, said: "I don't give a d—n if we do; go wherever she goes." The Britannia struck twice but was not much impeded by the accident. The Vigilant touched bottom but she had her boat up and she probably was not much damaged. The Britannia will go on dry dock tomorrow. It is thought that she is injured. When the yacht finished the band played "God Save the Queen."

Time at the finish: Vigilant, 5:04:35; Britannia, 5:12:45; Santa Rita, 5:40:35 (estimated).

Nearly all the Vigilant's lead was made in the run from Needles. As on Saturday the whistles of the yachts and the voices of the multitude were silent when the white sloop swept across the line, but the band on the royal yacht squadron pier played what enthusiastic Americans thought was "America" and the Britons were sure was "God Save the Queen."

ALL CONFIDENT.

Republican County Convention at Wilkes-Barre Promises to Be Interesting.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

WILKES-BARRE, Aug. 6.—Political excitement runs high in this city tonight. About the square are many of the delegates who will have seats in tomorrow's Republican county convention and they are very popular with the politicians.

All of the contests are overshadowed by the desperate fight for the congressional seat between Messrs. Leisinger and Williams. The friends of both candidates declare that their favorite will be nominated on the first ballot, but the claims of the Leisinger men appear to have the best foundation.

Today's convention promises to be one of the most interesting held during recent years in Luzerne.

GAY BIRD FINED.

Frederick Wright, Originator of the Suit Club Scheme, Is Arrested in Cold Boston.

BOSTON, Aug. 6.—Frederick R. Wright, the originator of the suit-club scheme, was arrested here today, charged with concealing goods bought on his account. He was fined \$30, which was paid by a friend, and Saturday Wright left town, leaving an unpaid bond bill of over \$15.

Wright, who is about 30 years old, started the suit club scheme in 1891, his office being at 805 Walnut street, Philadelphia. It is claimed that he obtained in 1891 \$200 and \$30,000 from his club. He married a Philadelphia young lady, one ten years ago, but during the existence of the club he began to devote considerable attention to Miss Grace E. Mills, of Port Carbon, Pa., who was his bookkeeper. Wright spent money liberally and his suit club collapsed in July, 1892.

Then he went to Canada, leaving his wife and an indebtedness estimated at \$40,000. In August Miss Mills joined Wright in Toronto, where he was known as Wilbur Gordon, and where he soon started a suit club. He again got into financial difficulties and called upon his wife for aid. It is said she sold a great many of her effects and sent him the proceeds. Later Wright, under his own name, came to this city with Miss Mills, with whom he lived as his wife and to whom a child was born.

Wright's latest enterprise was the Wisconsin's registration company at 18 Boylston building in this city. He was president and general manager until some weeks ago, when he was forced to resign by the other officials of the company. Meanwhile Mrs. Wright appeared upon the scene, but refused to make him any trouble. She has applied for a divorce, however. When Wright left the Wisconsin's Registration company he went on the road for a New York house. He arrived here last Wednesday, when his creditors got after him. He settled with one but another had him arrested with the result above stated.

He and Miss Mills lived in Providence as man and wife during 1892, where Wright started a suit company under the name of the United States Merchandise company, which resulted as the Philadelphia club had done.

AN EFFORT AT PEACEMAKING

Warring Elements of the Democratic Congress Will Hold a Pow-Wow.

THEY SEEK AGREEMENT ON TARIFF

Timid Members Expect That the Session Will Be Decidedly Stormy, but Hope That Tranquillity May Follow in the Wake of Turnell—Opinion of Mr. Voorhees—He Regards Sugar and Coal as Exceedingly Small Items of the Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. CAUCUS of the house Democrats will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow to consider what action will be taken to secure the early passage of the tariff bill. Immediately after the house adjourned today, Mr. Holman, of Indiana, issued the following notice.

There will be a Democratic caucus held in the hall of the house tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 3 o'clock p. m., to consider the tariff bill.

Chairman of the Caucus Committee.

The call for the caucus was circulated precisely one hour this afternoon and it received in that time the signatures of fifty-three Democrats. The first who signed the call were Messrs. Springer, of Illinois; Bryan, of Indiana; Black, of Illinois; Hooker, of Missouri; and Botner, of Louisiana. Other well known signatures are those of Messrs. Bailey, of Texas; Patterson, of Tennessee; Money, of Mississippi; Sperry, of Connecticut; McAdams, of California; Lynch, of Wisconsin; Enloe, of Tennessee; Washington, of Tennessee; Allen, of Mississippi; Talbot, of South Carolina; Henderson, of North Carolina; Shell, of South Carolina; Martin, of Indiana; Geary, of California, and DeForest, of Connecticut.

A STORMY SESSION EXPECTED.

It is significant that the names of the none of the conferees, the speaker or the other Democratic members of the committee on rules, Messrs. Chandler, of Mississippi, and Outwater, of Ohio, appear on the call. Mr. Outwater said this evening it would probably be a stormy caucus. It is expected that all the Democrats in the city will be present and that it will result in a contest between the two houses. The Democrats desire a prompt settlement of the issues in question between the two houses and those who are willing to await the action of the house conferees, no matter how long the conference may be prolonged. Mr. Springer was asked if a resolution would be offered in the caucus instructing the house conferees to make the best terms possible with the representatives of the senate without regard to what the nature of the compromise might be. He replied that he could not tell what action the caucus might take, but he for one, and there are many others who felt as he did, thought that some agreement should be reached and that the Democrats ought to get together in caucus and talk over the better plan of reaching the agreement.

HOUSE CONFEREES INVITED.

An effort will be made to have the house conferees attend the caucus and acquaint those present with what they have done and what they hope to accomplish. The gentlemen who had been instrumental in securing the caucus are the ones who have no purpose of embarrassing the conferees, but the delay in reaching a conclusion on the bill must be shortened if possible. Those who oppose the suggestion of a caucus insist that it is inspired in malice and that it is practically a fire in the rear on the true friends of tariff reform.

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SHOT BY COKERS.

Lady Becomes Target for Bullets Fired by Drunken Negroes.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Spaulding was shot in the hip at her home near Beeson coke works by drunken negro coke workers Saturday night. The blacks had been carousing here and on their way home became bolterous as they were passing through the hamlet at the Beeson works. One shot fired through a window injured

MURDERED IN REVENGE.

An Ohio Farmer Returns Home to Find His Wife Dead.

FINLAY, O., Aug. 6.—Late Saturday night, when John Oman, a farmer, living eight miles southwest of this city, returned home after a day's absence, he found his wife dead in bed, with her throat cut from ear to ear.

She had been dead for several hours. The theory of suicide was at first accepted; but all the evidence seemed to point to a deliberately planned murder. Important clues to the perpetrator have been discovered. Five years ago the Oman house was entered by a gang of masked robbers, who bound, gagged, and tortured the family into confessing the hiding place of a large sum of money. Arrests were made of a score of parties, and several were recently sent to the penitentiary. It is supposed these prosecutions incited the present crime, and the conspiracy is greatly excited over this additional outrage.

CAUGHT FROM THE CABLE.

It is reported that the Paris Prefecture of Police has decided to create ten new brigades and that the men are being rapidly enrolled.

Copies of the Brussels Independence Belge, containing a summary of Santo Caserio's statement to the jury, have been seized at Lille in accordance with the new French anti-anarchist law.

A dispatch from Rome says that the Italian government has appointed a committee to inquire into the conduct of the judges who presided over the recent trial of persons implicated in the Banca Romana scandal.

Felcholsky, alias Baron Sternberg, arrested in Nisch, Servia, recently, on a requisition from Russia, has escaped from the Russian consulate at Salonica aboard an American vessel, whose captain refused to surrender him.

SITSEER IS RENOMINATED.

Again the Chieft of Wyoming Democrats for Judge.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

TUNKIANKOCK, Pa., Aug. 6.—John A. Sitser for judge and Frank H. Platt for the legislature, were renominated by acclamation by the county Democratic convention. Morris Fassett was named for jury commissioner from a list of six candidates.

Resolutions endorsing the state and national administrations were passed. Conferees were appointed for congress but no choice expressed.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania, fair, warmer, southerly winds. For western Pennsylvania, slightly warmer, south winds.

PROBABLY A FAKE.

The Story of Revolt at Santa Domingo is Discredited.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Hon. John S. Durban of this city, who was formerly stationed at Santa Domingo and Port au Prince, Hayti, as American minister, today discredited the reports of a revolution in that country. "The story from Kingston concerning a revolt against the government of President Henreaux," said the ex-minister, "is merely an exaggeration of reports which reached us by the last steamer. I have such business relations with the island as require constant information concerning the political condition of the country, and I feel safe in saying that had any serious outbreak occurred I should have had a telegram to that effect before now."

Mr. Durban, in conclusion, stated that personal letters from friends in Santa Domingo and one from President Henreaux himself, mailed as late as the 25th of July, indicate that Henreaux is as strong as ever.

CHASED BY A BEAR.

One of Pleasant Mount's Prominent Citizens Has a Thrilling Experience With Bruin.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

FOREST CITY, Pa., Aug. 6.—Howard P. Johns is a prominent merchant of this place, and spent Sunday at Pleasant Mount with an uncle. Upon returning from Pleasant Mount, and at a point between the Jams farm and the Mills farm he had a very exciting experience with a large bear.

Mr. Johns was driving slowly along the shaded road, when suddenly he heard something coming through the brush and in a few seconds Mr. Bruin was in the road but short distance from the hero of this experience. The horse upon seeing the bear came on the road and reared and shied into the ditch, nearly upsetting the carriage. Soon the bear crossed the road and Mr. Johns started homeward, but upon looking backward he saw the bear was still pursuing him, and quite and interesting, but not pleasant race to Mr. Johns, was had.

The bear at last gave up the chase, and although Mr. Johns was not badly scared he does not wish to repeat Sunday's adventure unless he has a cannon near by. During this season a number of bicyclists have seen a bear in that vicinity, as well as some other people.

THE PARK IS OURS.

Deeds of Nay Aug Property Transferred to City.

The deeds transferring the Nay Aug falls properties to the city for park purposes were yesterday executed by Mayor Council in behalf of the city.

The whole plot acquired covers 100 acres and extends on both sides of Roaring Brook below the falls, although the portion on the east side of the stream consists of but twenty acres.

The district will now be subject to police surveillance and will be patrolled by one officer except on holidays, Sunday or other days when an increased force is necessary.

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